

## GIBSON TALE IN HALL CASE UNSUPPORTED

Mott Must Depend on Word of Woman Farmer to Get Indictments.

## ONE RESERVE WITNESS

But Prosecutor Hopes Now to Point Suspicion at Only Two.

## LOOKING FOR CONFESSION

Officials Believe Some One in New Brunswick Could Help Solve Crime.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 24.—On one woman's word will depend the outcome of the inquiry by the Grand Jury of Somerset county into the mystery surrounding the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills. Mrs. Jane Gibson is to tell the story that may indict a man and a woman, and it was ascertained to-day that Wilbur A. Mott, Special Deputy Attorney-General, has virtually no corroboration of Mrs. Gibson's statements.

Questioning of some witnesses who have already been before the Grand Jury and of officials shows clearly that to date Mr. Mott has not been able to lay before the Grand Jury anything not known to the general public for weeks. Some stories told are so old that they have already been forgotten and therefore appear new. But actually the Grand Jury knows no more than the public does.

One unknown witness is being kept in reserve by Mr. Mott, but it is understood this witness will not corroborate Mrs. Gibson, nor give testimony dealing directly with the crime. The story of Mrs. Gibson, therefore, that while on her mule she saw four persons quarreling, heard four shots, saw four flashes and noticed two of the four persons fall to the ground, is the essence of Mr. Mott's whole case.

## Identified by Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Gibson, at the Court House here has identified the person referred to originally by her as the "woman in gray." This is the person who she says cried out in the darkness, "Oh, Henry, please, please, please!" She is the woman who has been regarded as a prospective defendant for weeks.

Mrs. Gibson has gone far wrong, though, in her identification of the man who is supposed to have done the actual shooting. At the Court House, weeks ago, she became confused and mixed up two brothers who bear a marked family resemblance to each other. One lives in New Brunswick, the other does not.

Many days later Mrs. Gibson at the railroad station identified still a third man, a relative of the woman and of the two brothers. The identification is understood to have been faulty, but it is this man Mr. Mott hopes to indict.

It may be said with authority that Mr. Mott has given up all hope of indicting a third person, a second man. As to this person he has no testimony from Mrs. Gibson or any one else. The talk regarding this man has been en-

tirely based on surmise. Mr. Mott will make no effort to bring him into the case. In fact, except for Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Mott is finding his case even weaker than he thought it was.

## Trouble in Hall Home Retold.

Tales of trouble between the rector and his wife are being retold and Barbara Tough, a servant in the Hall home, is again figuring prominently in the anonymous reports, sometimes being mentioned by name and sometimes being referred to in a roundabout way. The fact that she joined the guild of the church is regarded as indicating that she kept watch on the rector and Mrs. Mills at Mrs. Hall's request. That both she and Louise Geist, the other maid, were at different times friendly with Mrs. Mills is being made the most of. It was reported to-day that one of the maids said at one time: "Mrs. Hall always got her nose out of joint when Mrs. Mills would send the rector a birthday or a Christmas present or little remembrances in the name of the church guild." Then, too, the story of the quarrel and Hall's unseemly behavior at a wedding on the Tuesday before the crime is being both denied and affirmed.

Mr. Mott and those associated with him are hoping for what is referred to more of less technically as "a break." They believe it is possible that the pressure of events will bring forward some one who will tell the whole truth. It has been clear for weeks that some persons in New Brunswick could help the Prosecutor if they were not afraid of the publicity of their own reputations.

## Pleads for a Confession.

The local newspaper to-night contains two suggestions that some one ought to come forward and confess. The first is in the form of a short editorial reading:

"It is in the power of some one to make a clean breast and confession in the Hall-Mills murder case. Confession would be good for some souls and would lift a burden from many tired heads. The second suggestion along the same line is in the form of a letter to the editor and reads:

"It has been my desire ever since I read of the Hall-Mills murder to plead with those who are guilty and who know facts in the case not to risk their souls' salvation by lying or taking bribes."

"God says in the book of Proverbs, 23:13, 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy'; in Exodus, 23:8, 'And thou shalt take no gift, for the gift blindeth the eyes, and perverteth the words of the righteous'; in Matthew, 18:26, 'What does a man profit if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? If they would only make a confession both to God and man and get the peace and joy that this world cannot give, what are their lives worth if we are not right with God and man?'"

## One of Many Letters.

This letter is signed "One Who Believes in God's Word," and is only a sample of the many letters that appear daily in the local sheet, the interest in the case apparently being as great as ever.

Henry Carpenter, cousin of Mrs. Hall, who was taken to the Middlesex Hospital more than a week ago and was operated on for appendicitis, will leave the hospital for his home to-morrow or Sunday, it was said to-day. He has not been asked to present himself before the Grand Jury in Somersetville, and the officials here would not state whether he would be subpoenaed later.

He was suddenly taken ill a short time ago, and it was announced that an operation had been performed, his friends here said to-night that he would be entirely recovered in a few days.

The authorities have not asked Carpenter's friends, J. K. Rice, Jr., of Highland Park to testify. It was at the Rice home that Carpenter passed most of the evening of September 14, thus establishing an alibi.

Several witnesses will be summoned before the Grand Jury, however, whose names have not heretofore been mentioned in this connection. Among these are three of Mrs. Mills's sisters—Mrs. Tenneyson, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt of Paterson. Henry Mills, brother-in-law of one of the victims, is also to be called.

While Jimmie Mills still insists that he

## 20 WOMEN ATTACK GIRL HELD IN \$20,000 THEFTS

Negress Who Answered Advertisements for Domestic and Robbed Employers Is Rescued From Rush of Victims in Bronx Jail.

Twenty women whose furs and jewels had been stolen went before the Bronx Grand Jury yesterday to tell about it and in an anteroom met Mary Ann Burkan, aged 19, a negress, of 336 West Thirty-seventh street, under arrest in connection with the thefts. "What did you do with my dolman?" cried one woman. "That cheap thing?" replied the negress. "I pawned it for \$150, all I could get on it." "And what became of my fur piece, which cost \$85?" asked another. "Oh, that; I think it's in the bottom of my trunk. I am going to use it for a dish rag."

Then the twenty women made a rush for the prisoner and it required the jail warden, an assistant District Attorney and a detective to prevent them from attacking her. The negress is charged specifically with the theft of furs valued at \$650 from Mrs. Ethel Levy of 336 Whitlock avenue. The police say her practice was to answer advertisements for domestics and then rob her employers. Her loot has been valued at more than \$20,000.

## LAST APPEAL LOST BY MR. STILLMAN

Action of Appellate Division, However, Does Not Mean End of Fight.

Mrs. Anne U. Stillman won another victory yesterday when the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn unanimously confirmed the decision of Justice Seeger refusing to set aside Justice Morschauser's confirmation of the report made by Referee Daniel J. Gleason. This report held that Mrs. Stillman had not been proved guilty of misconduct and that her youngest son Guy was legitimate.

Counsel for Mr. Stillman stated later in the afternoon that there would be no appeal from the Brooklyn decision, but that this does not mean that Stillman will abandon the fight. It is not known yet just what line future action will take.

The Appellate Division holds that the only matter which was before it for decision was whether Justice Morschauser had jurisdiction to determine the motion. There was unanimous opinion that the jurisdiction was unquestionable. The decision was made by Presiding Justice Blackmar, with the concurrence of Justices Rich, Kelly, Manning, and Young.

In their efforts to upset Referee Gleason's report Stillman's counsel had applied to Justice Tompkins for an order setting aside the report and granting judgment in Stillman's favor. A hearing on this motion was set, but before the hearing was held Justice Morschauser signed an order confirming the referee's report. It was upon this ground that appeal was taken to the Appellate Division.

W. S. WARD NOT TO SHARE IN HIS AUNT'S \$2,000,000

Mrs. Catherine Ward Leaves Bulk of Estate to Daughters.

Walter S. Ward, son of the head of the Ward Baking Company, who was indicted for murder in connection with the death of Clarence S. Petway, is not remembered in the will of his aunt, Mrs. Catherine Ward, which was filed for probate yesterday at White Plains. The value of the estate is said to be about \$2,000,000.

Mrs. Ward, who was the widow of Robert Boyd Ward of New Rochelle and Pittsburgh, leaves \$25,000 to the Methodist Episcopal Church Union of Pittsburgh to maintain the Robert Ward Home for Children. The bulk of the estate goes to her daughters, Estelle Ward, Martha Ward Hinman, Catharine Ward and Louise Ward.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the judgment of \$4,164 which William Brewster, a former field secretary of the National Security League, obtained against the Tax League of America, Inc., which campaigned last year for a sales tax.

Mr. Brewster sued to recover a balance of \$10,500 which he claimed for services unpaid from April, 1921, to August 30. The campaign of the league ended June 13, 1921. Mr. Brewster was to get \$500 a week and "necessary traveling expenses," the papers showed.

## VICTORY FOR REDS SEEN IN ELECTION

W. Z. Foster, Radical Leader, Says Public Opinion Has Grown More Tolerant.

## CITES BRIDGEMAN CASE

Charges That Department of Justice Tried to Work Up Hysteria.

William Z. Foster, head of the amalgamation movement in the trade unions and advocate of the "boring from within" process in the great steel strike, speaking before the second labor defense conference at Beethoven Hall, 210 East Fifth Street, last night, saw in the recent elections a new spirit of tolerance toward the communist and labor movements. This new spirit, he said, was much emphasized by the state of public opinion in Bridgeman, Mich., where twenty-one labor agitators are soon to come to trial. The people of Bridgeman and surrounding towns, he asserted, were remarkably calm about the whole affair and had not "allowed themselves to be caught by the red hysteria promulgated by the Department of Justice men who were working to fill the hall."

The meeting was an undemonstrative one, Foster refraining from many of his more radical statements. There was not a uniform policeman among the crowd of 800 or more who partly filled the hall.

Foster asserted that there had been a determined effort on the part of the reactionary elements of the country to make the Bridgeman convention appear as though it were a criminal conspiracy. In Germany, England, France and practically all other European countries, he said, the Communist parties are allowed to function openly and above board, whereas in "this so-called Democracy," particularly referring to the Red raids in the Government, the Communist movement more viciously than has been done in any other country.

"History," he said, "indicates that no movement ever gives up its existence in the face of force, and when confronted with this alternative every movement becomes illegal. This the Communist party did. So, if it is an illegal body, the Government and the intolerance of the people are alone to be blamed. The men arrested in Bridgeman face prison sentences of ten years for doing what they could have done without let or hindrance in nearly every other country in Europe."

The real crime of the men arrested at Bridgeman is that they are militant in the labor movement. The capitalists are determined to put them behind the bars where they cannot carry on the work of the various organizations which threaten the existence of the profit system. Particularly is the blow aimed at the Trade Union Educational League, an organization that is stirring up the organized masses and introduces them to the fundamentals of revolutionary problems in a manner that has never been equaled before."

Foster described his deportation from Colorado, characterizing the State Police who forced him over the boundary as "bloodthirsty cosaks." The election doubt that the electorate had repudiated Pat Hamrock, who had ordered his deportation.

"It was a great victory for the basic rights of the people. And unless all signs fail another great victory will be won soon in the Bridgeman cases. Under the able handling of Frank P. Walsh these cases will certainly be won."

## PERSHING TO STUMP WEST AGAINST REDS

Picked by National Defense Society for Patriotism Stirring Tour.

## SPEAKS IN THREE CITIES

Will Combat Communist Drive to Weaken Army and Navy.

## Special Dispatch to The New York Herald.

New York Herald Bureau. Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—The American Defense Society, organized to conduct a national and vigilant campaign against Bolshevism and pacifism, has selected Gen. Pershing to carry the doctrine of patriotism into the West and middle West.

Gen. Pershing will leave Washington Sunday to deliver under the auspices of the society three addresses on preparedness and the danger of undermining national defense in pacifism of the brand that would have the country forget the lessons of the world war.

These addresses will be at Minneapolis, St. Louis and Chicago, chosen for the opening of the drive because they are convenient stopping off places for Gen. Pershing, who is to spend Thanksgiving Day with friends and relatives in Lincoln, Neb.

The three mass meetings will be sponsored by chambers of commerce of the respective cities. Through arrangements by the American Defense Society various patriotic organizations of each city will participate in the meetings. The Communist Party of America directs a heavy attack against the army and navy, the weakening of which would be in line with their program.

While the fight of the Defense Society is particularly directed against the spread of Bolshevism it is expected that it will use its influence to fight efforts to undermine the armed forces of the country. More and more stress is likely to be placed on this aspect of the question in view of the drive on the army and the navy expected in the next Congress.

In recent addresses in Eastern cities Gen. Pershing has stressed the danger to national institutions from the tendency to indifference on the part of the average citizen and the ignoring of preparedness which he finds abroad in the land. This situation is doubly dangerous, he said, because of the extent to which "false doctrine" and undermining influences are at work. His Western addresses will be along this line and in accord with the program of education in patriotism mapped out by the Defense Society.

He will speak at Minneapolis November 28, St. Louis December 4 and Chicago December 6. His Minneapolis speech will be broadcast from the powerful radio station in that city. The mass meeting will be preceded by a parade.

From the Minneapolis meeting Gen. Pershing will go directly to Lincoln for Thanksgiving Day. His address in Chicago will be at a luncheon, for which 1,000 invitations have been issued. He will return to Washington on Christmas Eve.

## VERDICT AGAINST BALL CLUB.

A jury before Justice Wasservogel in Supreme Court brought in a verdict yesterday of \$100 in favor of Louis S. Busch, a composer, of 1261 Madison avenue, who sued the American League baseball club of New York for \$100,000 for his election from the Polo Grounds during a game between the Yankees and Detroit May 29, 1920.

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